

# South Central Telcom LLC

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March 13, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

WC Docket No. 10-90

Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Re:

South Central Telcom, LLC ("SCT") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding. SCT is a CLEC serving rural areas of Kentucky, and proposes deployment as follows.

#### Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 1,505 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks within these Census Tract(s):

Kentucky:	County	Tract	High Cost Loc.	Extreme High Cost Loc.
	Edmonson	21061920200	228	6
	Edmonson	21061920300	80	2
	Edmonson	21061920400	142	7
	Edmonson	21061980100	6	1
	Green	21087930100	209	5
	Green	21087930200	75	4
	Green	21087930300	151	2
	Green	21087930400	229	7

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Technology Transitions et al., GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Larue	21123960101	141	8
Larue	21123960102	63	4
Larue	21123960200	5	4
Larue	21123960300	176	5
	Total	1,505	55

## Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 1 Gbps downstream/ 1 Gbps upstream provided over fiber to the home technology.

## **Funding**

SCT estimates construction costs to be a total of \$7.8M based on knowledge of the area. The costs will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted. SCRTC requests \$7.3 M in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding and will fund ongoing expenses to operate the system.

SCT expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within a year after construction starts.

SCT appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

David R. Davis, General Manager CEO